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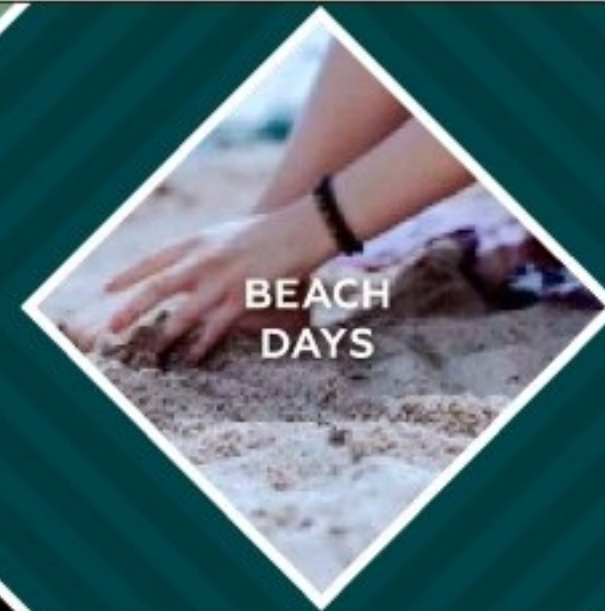
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Oliver Baril, Jarrett Landry, Bulldog, Michael G. and Kerry Martens brought their drums to the 20th annual Wellness Walk in Calgary, part of National Addictions Awareness Week.
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Councillor's sass gets a pass

INTEGRITY INVESTIGATION No rebuke for scolding chief



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Publicly slamming the police chief on his response after a viral video? It's a matter of free speech.

Over the summer, four councillors tasked Calgary's integrity commissioner to investigate a statement made by Coun. Diane Colley-Urquhart. This after a viral video of officers using "excessive

force" made the rounds in July, prompting an investigation. The video was uploaded to Instagram on a Friday. Police released a statement several days later to explain, but Colley-Urquhart wasn't happy with the chief's "72-hour" response time.

According to the commis-

sioner's letter, Colley-Urquhart said: "It's obvious to me the chief didn't respond because he didn't want to respond and because he felt that way he didn't direct his second in command to do it."

"There were a few of us that felt making the kind of comment she did in public was possibly

undermining the chief," said Coun. Jim Stevenson.

The commissioner's report didn't find the statements to be worthy of reprimand.

"Law-enforcement officials normally avoid making any public statements until all the facts are known," wrote Allen

Sulatycky. "Likewise, prudent elected officials do not comment on a matter while it is under investigation or in litigation."

He noted, however, that her statement was in line with her rights to speak freely, because she prefaced it in saying, "It's obvious to me."



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Many locations lack corner stores, free parking: Report

COUNCIL

But city has more than enough food services



Looking for a pack of smokes, soda and a bag of chips?

According to a City of Calgary report, finding a nearby corner store is tough, but we're tripping over other food businesses, like restaurants. Oh, and Calgarians are predominantly driving to shop and looking for parking.

On Tuesday, council will get a taste for the City of Calgary's retail and commercial business landscape. A report coming before the city's priorities and finance committee details current conditions in retail, and future needs to help the city better plan for main streets and other retail centres going forward.

The report, which was asked for in 2012, and finally conducted in 2014 after flood-related delays, shows the city is well served by retail — but has an abundance of restaurant and eatery businesses, while establishments like corner stores are lacking.

Further, it shows the city's



Calgary's corner stores are few and far between, but Coun. Ward Sutherland thinks that's because of old design standards. ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

not meeting shopping demand in the west and southeast ends of town. On average, Calgarians travel four kilometres by car to get their retail fix, but for people in the underserved areas, the study found shoppers travel more than 10 kilometres.

Coun. Ward Sutherland, vice-chairman of the priorities and finance committee, said that's a reflection of the

city's old design practices.

"Tuscany, in my area, has 20,000 people, but all they've got is this tiny little strip mall," said Sutherland. "They have a Sobeys there, a Starbucks, but that's tiny."

He compared it to Cochrane's populous and the retail resources there. He said it forces the community members to drive up to Royal Oak for restaurants. But the solu-

tion isn't so simple for Sutherland, building more retail in mature areas means building up, or finding parcels of land that aren't already designated as parks.

Sutherland said for him, the report's takeaway is the importance of parking when it comes to a successful business — especially highlighted in the report is "free parking."

"We can't be so restrictive,

we're causing problems," said Sutherland. "We have to look at parking completely different. Who are we to tell a business, no, you can't have parking."

Strategies outlined in the review include a focus on helping developers simplify builds in already developed areas, and a focus on supporting mom and pop shops in neighbourhoods — including a review of development fees.

RECYCLING BACKUP

Work together, city says



Recycling businesses need to work together with clients and processors in order to relieve the backup of plastic materials, according to the city.

Metro previously reported local recycling businesses were frustrated about a new bylaw requiring all businesses to start a recycling program that led to a backup of plastic materials because of a small market.

According to Leanne Michie, a Waste Diversion Specialist for the City of Calgary, the market for plastic recyclables has remained consistent over the past few years, which might explain the frustration some processors feel.

"We always encourage either a business or a recycling collection company to shop around and find a collection company or recycling processor that works best for your type of material that they either generate as a business or they collect as a collection company," Michie said.

As of Nov. 1 all businesses were required to implement a recycling program that needed to include collecting and storing recyclables separately from waste and ensure all recyclables are taken to a recycling facility.

The fine for businesses that don't comply is \$250, but according to Michie, the city is leading an "education first" strategy that works with businesses.



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ACCUSATION

Family defends dead woman's husband

Siblings of a senior found dead in her home last month say a hideous illness, and not her husband of 56 years, is to blame.

Audrey van Zuiden, 80, was found Oct. 4 in the Calgary home she shared with Fred van Zuiden, who is charged with second-degree murder.

Loved ones say the husband has long suffered from demen-

tia, and a psychiatrist told a courtroom last month he agrees that's likely to be the case.

The woman's brother, Victor Brent, and sister, Josephine Tucker, issued a written statement as friends and family held a celebration of life for her in Calgary on Monday.

The siblings, who live in the United Kingdom, say they are naturally saddened by their sister's death.

"However, we fully appreciate that this was wholly a consequence of a hideous illness."

They added that the van Zuidens enjoyed a long, fruitful and happy marriage and were a devoted and inseparable couple.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



This was wholly a consequence of a hideous illness.

Written statement from woman's brother and sister

FOREST LAWN

Murder charges laid in fatal shooting

A Calgary family is mourning the loss of young man shot and killed in southeast Calgary late last week, and now three people are facing murder charges in connection.

Abiem Kuol Abiem, 23, was shot and killed in a Forest Lawn home on the morning of Nov. 11.

Police confirmed the victim's identity Monday.

Witnesses saw several men fleeing the home where the shooting occurred.

Three men were arrested after a standoff with police lasting several hours in the northeast Calgary community

THE ACCUSED

- Mateo Nyok Okich, 21
- Benjamin Ed-Ajak Nyiker, 23
- Akieg Bol, 20

of Taradale.

Mateo Nyok Okich, 21, Benjamin Ed-Ajak Nyiker, 23, and Akieg Bol, 20, have each been charged with first-degree murder and one count of kidnapping, in connection with Abiem's death.

The men charged are all from Calgary. METRO

Building fix forcing councillors to move

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Engineers still zeroing in on best approach to repairs



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

We've got truss issues, but fixing the Municipal Building is a shore thing, as two engineering firms have honed in on the temporary shoring measure that will help move displaced employees back to their respective offices.

But that's not the permanent solution, and according to the city's facilities management director Thomas Hansen, engineers are still narrowing down the best approach for a fix.

"It's a complex issue," Hansen said. "The shoring will provide the required support for the truss assembly ... we haven't finalized the complete repair and replacement of the truss."

Because engineers haven't zeroed in on the method they need to fix the faulty truss, there's no current cost estimate for this project.

In September, the city temporarily shuttered the northeast corner of Calgary's Municipal Building after staff found that a 30-year-old truss



A corner of the Calgary Municipal Building has been cordoned off after inspectors found a potential problem with the building's trusses. METRO FILE

wasn't up to snuff. According to Hansen, a 22-foot deep, 70,000 pound steel truss wasn't installed correctly and didn't meet "current safety codes."

Although it sat in place since 1983, and showed no signs of failing, the city opted for the safest possible measure and moved more than 300 workers away from the problem area.

While old City Hall is under construction simultaneous-

ly, the Administration was where a number of councillors moved and expected to stay for four years. But now, four of the councillors' offices are among 180 more employees displaced out of an "abundance of caution" because of the faulty truss.

"We love where we just moved to, it was a really functional modern office space," said Coun. Richard Pootmans.

"The only part that isn't ideal is our staff work very closely with other staff in the councillor offices ... I'm afraid we're going to lose a bit of that."

The offices will be moved to the 7th floor of Calgary's Municipal Building.

Hansen said the shoring should be complete by spring 2017, and that's when city staff can go back to their usual desks and offices.

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Addicts drum up enthusiasm

WELLNESS WALK

Event celebrates path of recovery

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

Oliver Baril, 41, has been battling a drug addiction for 23 years.

His addiction cost him relationships, landed him in jail, and kept him on the streets of Calgary for several years. But Baril has been attending a 16-week drumming class at the Fresh Start Treatment Centre, as part of his larger recovery plan.

"This isn't my first kick at recovery, but (addiction is) a progressive disease that keeps getting worse," Baril said. "It was looking pretty bleak before, but I have hope. It's a lifetime thing," he continued.

Along with several other men in treatment, Baril marked the start of National Addictions Awareness Week at the 20th

annual Wellness Walk in Calgary with their drums, in order to raise awareness about drug addictions and more importantly — the path to recovery.

An estimated 600,000 Canadians participated in similar walks across the country.

Fresh Start is a treatment facility for men with 50 beds for those struggling with addiction, alcoholism, homelessness, or gambling dependencies.

Baril said the drumming class has helped him build healthier relationships.

"It helps us to become a community, addiction is all about (looking out for) yourself, but the drumming gives me a chance to connect with the other guys," Baril said.

"It's nice to work as a team for once, and have a common goal."

He'll be done the class in about a month, and plans on transitioning to secondary housing with the help of Fresh Start.

Fresh Start has been part of the Wellness Walk in Calgary for years, and this year Kerry Martens, who teaches the drum-

ming class, asked if her students could provide a beat to which participants could walk.

Martens said the purpose of the drumming class is to provide those in recovery with skills to work as a team and build community.

"It's very complimentary to the 12-step program our guests go through. They walk into things with a bit more of an open mind, more energy, and a better understanding of recovery and how life works."

Baril said it's important to talk about addictions openly, so that those struggling with addiction can get help and find a solution without being stigmatized.

"People need to realize that people can change. I'm ashamed of the ways I used to act before, but I never had a solution. Now, I have a solution and the more people who are aware of that solution can find help. If they're stigmatized, they're not going to go seek help," he said.

"I'm very proud to be an addict in recovery."

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Oliver Baril is taking a drumming class as part of his recovery treatment for drug addiction, which he has battled for 23 years. ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

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Members of the Jamaican bobsled team pick up a rental van donated to them by Driving Force in Calgary on Monday. The vehicle the team was planning to drive from Calgary to Whistler broke down over the weekend. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bobsledders given wheels

GOODWILL

Team finds Calgary warm as Jamaica with generosity

The Jamaican bobsled team has a reliable set of wheels to get to its next race.

The team's van broke down in Calgary on the weekend on the way to a race at Canada Olympic Park. The athletes were able to make it to the track on time thanks to a Good Samaritan who shuttled them to their destination.

But making it to their next stop in Whistler, B.C., seemed hopeless, because repairs were astronomically expensive and would not have been completed in time, said women's team pilot Jazmine Fenlator-Victorian.

Driving Force, a vehicle rental and leasing company, got wind of the problem and offered the team a rental van and money for gas.

The team is aiming to compete in the 2018 Winter Games in South Korea — exactly 30 years after its underdog appearance at the Calgary Olympics.

The story of the Jamaican bobsledders inspired the Disney movie *Cool Runnings* starring John Candy.

"The Jamaican bobsled team definitely considers Calgary one of its second homes," Fenlator-

Victorian said Monday after picking up the keys to the team's new ride — a 15-seat Ford transit van.

"For Calgary to step up and be a part of that really means a lot to us, because this is where it all started for us."

As a sponsor for the Canadian team, helping out the Jamaican bobsledders in a pinch was a natural move, said Driving Force vice-president Craig Strachan.

"I guess we felt that it was the right thing to do."

Training for the race starts Wednesday, so the bobsledders are on a tight schedule.

The 12-member team was to depart Calgary at 3 a.m. Tuesday in anticipation of bad weather forecast for the mountains.

Calgarians have offered food for the journey and teammates will take turns driving.

From Whistler, the bobsledders will be able to take the van to another race in Park City, Utah, and return it to Calgary before the holidays.

After that, the financial situation is unclear, said Fenlator-Victorian.

"It's very, very difficult for us to find the funding to continue to perform at the highest level of the sport. We do a lot of crowd-funding. We do a lot of appearances, but bobsled is expensive."

"A lot of things are on the bubble, but luckily the second half of the season starts January, so in December we'll have a lot of work to do."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

“For Calgary to step up and be a part of that really means a lot to us, because this is where it all started for us. Jazmine Fenlator-Victorian

EDUCATION

Province launches healthy-eating pilot

Josie Lukey
For Metro | Calgary

Healthy learners are productive learners is the message the Alberta government wants to send in a new pilot project focused on healthy eating.

The government announced Monday the launch of a new school pilot program in 14 school boards across the province that “co-ordinates training from kindergarten to work so

all Albertans have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in a changing economy,” a statement read.

The selected school boards are required to demonstrate how their program fits in Alberta Nutrition Guidelines for Children and Youth and must include a

\$250K

Amount each school selected for the pilot will receive for the program.

healthy eating education component as part of the pilot.

In total, 10 rural school boards and four urban ones have been asked to choose one K-6 school to participate in the pilot. The boards were chosen based on socio-economic status data from Statistics Canada.

Each of the 14 school boards

will receive a \$250,000 grant in funding for the pilot. The cost of the entire program is funded from Alberta Education's existing budget.

According to the province, results from the pilot will help shape nutrition programs for schools in the province for next year.

Both the Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic Board are taking part in the program.

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Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Most Crown corporations fall short of gender parity on their boards — but a select few do have more women than men. A Metro Ottawa analysis found only four of the 42 federal Crown corporations have boards with more women than men.

Those boards are:

- The National Arts Centre,

where five of the nine current board members are women;

- The Federal Bridge Corporation, where five of the seven board members are women;

- The International Development Research Centre, where seven of the 12 board members are women; and,

- The Canadian Museum for Human Rights, where seven of the 10 board members are women.

The NAC's board chair, Adrian Burns, said the balance on their board was not something they



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Pilotage authority CEO Fulvio Fracassi

deliberately sought out, but it reflects a strong group of applicants.

"It was merit-based, because they were all on a list of three to four finalists," she said.

"Their contribution is most certainly equal to any other group that could be or has been appointed."

Burns, who also serves on several private boards, said she doesn't notice a large difference with the majority female board, but she says she believes that women do have different approaches than men.

"They're very detail-oriented, and so I think we probably have a level of scrutiny that would match any board anywhere, corporate or Crown," she said.

She noted that the NAC is always trying to expand its reach, highlighting the current search for a new artistic director of Indigenous Theatre.

She said that's just one example of where they are trying to better reflect Canada's diversity, and she hopes the federal government considers that when they make their board appointments.

"We would hope that the government is looking towards that for our board members as well."

Got it wrong

The Laurentian Pilotage Authority and the Canadian Dairy Commission are the only Crown corporations currently without any women on their boards.

The only thing in the photograph of the Laurentian Pilotage Authority's board that sticks out is the bow tie.

The seven members of the Crown corporation's board are all white — and all men.

A review by Metro Ottawa found the authority, along with the Canadian Dairy Commission, are the only two of the federal government's 42 Crown corporations without any women on their boards.

The authority manages sea traffic in the St. Lawrence River, helping to guide large ships through the river and into harbours.

Pilotage authority CEO Fulvio Fracassi said they're aware there is a problem and they are encouraged by the federal Liberal government's efforts to open up board memberships.

"The Laurentian Pilotage Authority is fully supportive of this initiative and we're collaborating with the minister's office and Transport Canada," he said.

Fracassi said that while the federal cabinet approves the agency's board members, they reach out to industry to find suitable candidates and are encouraging companies to look within their ranks for potential board members.

He said some of the current board members' terms have expired; they hope to have replacements soon.

The government has three other Crown Corporations with similar mandates — the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority, which has seven seats and one woman on its board; the Pacific Pilotage Authority, which has seven seats and three women; and, the Atlantic Pilotage Authority, which has seven seats and three women.

The industry remains male-dominated, Fracassi said. "The industry itself is not very diverse," he said. "If you look at the number of pilots it's primarily composed of men."

The industry itself is not very diverse.

Pilotage authority CEO
Fulvio Fracassi

Others who got it wrong

• Canadian Dairy Commission (Not one of the board members is a woman)

• Great Lakes Pilotage Authority (1 out of 7 board members is a woman)

• Marine Atlantic (1 of 10 board members is a woman)

No one from the Canadian Dairy Commission was available to speak with Metro, despite repeated attempts over several days. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Board of the Laurentian Pilotage Authority. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

PM touts economic stability

Canada has no reason to worry about competing with the U.S. under incoming president Donald Trump when it comes to attracting international money, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Monday. Speaking after a meeting with some of the world's wealthiest investor groups, Trudeau said it's just a matter of making sure the world's would-be investors are aware of Canada's potential.

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Refugees, wildfires push food-bank numbers up

An influx of Syrian refugees along with the impact of wildfires and low oil prices in Alberta drove a 1.3 per cent increase in the number of people using food banks in Canada in 2016 compared to the previous year, a new report says.

HungerCount 2016, to be released Tuesday, shows 863,492 individuals relied on a food bank in March, up from 852,137 in March, 2015, with eight out of 10 provinces experiencing a hike and three showing surges of more than 17 per cent. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Drug decriminalization has possible benefits: Report

Alternatives to criminalizing a variety of illicit drugs in Canada could result in lower rates of use and fewer harms such as addiction, overdoses and infectious diseases, says an internal federal study.

The Justice Department research paper stresses there are healthier and less costly ways of addressing the problem of illegal drug use, and that the biggest hurdles might be political — not practical — ones.

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Declan Murphy's nephews outside the houseboat. COURTESY DECLAN MURPHY

Have a boat, Ireland — it's on the house

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Canadian man sends a gift to homeless youth across an ocean

Almost 3,300 kilometres away from where it started its voyage, a Canadian houseboat mysteriously washed up on the shores of Cross Beach in Belmullet, Ireland, early Monday morning.

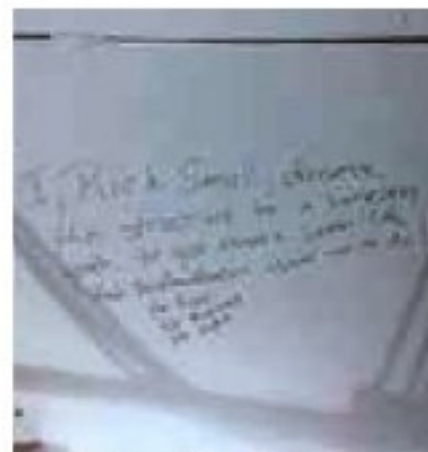
The Ballyglass Coast Guard secured and pulled the boat out of the water. An onlooker described it as an "unusual vessel."

During its investigation, the coast guard found a message written on the walls:

"I, Rick Small, donate this structure to a homeless youth. To give them a better life than Newfoundlanders choose not to do! No rent. No mortgage. No hydro."

Photographs of the boat, described as a combination of "scraps," have been shared widely, publicized by Irish media outlets. Quite a few people made their way out to the beach to take a look inside the craft.

"(I was) intrigued to see how this man-made vessel from all sorts of leftover materials ... could make such a treacherous journey," Declan Murphy, a U.K. resident who is visiting his parents in Belmullet, said. After hearing about the inci-



Writing found inside the boat. COURTESY DECLAN MURPHY

dent on local radio, Murphy decided to bring his two nephews down to the beach to see the vessel. Murphy described the craft as made out of car tires and wood planks, and held

together with what appears to be "road tar."

Murphy said that it was easier for his nephews to stand inside the vessel than it was for him as there is only around four feet of clearance between the ceiling and the floor.

"Hopefully there was nobody aboard it when it drifted from Canada," he said. "I definitely wouldn't want to be doing that journey."

Just as mysterious as the vessel's appearance is the whereabouts of the person who appears to have built it.

Rick Small, a native of Thunder Bay, Ont., is known as the man who rode from B.C. to St. John's on a solar-powered bike in 2015. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SPIES

Don't get caught catching 'em all

Canada's spies are guarding against a new threat to operational security: Pokémon.

Canada's electronic spy agency issued guidelines for spooks and employees playing Pokémon Go, a popular augmented reality game for mobile devices based on the hit 1996 Nintendo game.

The game uses a phone's GPS and camera to catch and battle Pokémon in the real world — players collect, train and fight Pokémon at "Pokéstops" and "gyms" attached to locations like churches and restaurants.

But because the game requires location and camera data to play, it poses a risk to people who would rather not be tracked: like employees of the Communications Security Establishment (CSE), Canada's powerful electronic spying agency.

The guidelines were circulated by CSE's American counterpart, the National Security Administration (NSA). They recommend a number of steps to avoid detection while training to be the very best Pokémon master.

"Note that the information (used) by the game in the course of regular play could be used to deduce pattern of life," the unclassified memo reads.

The agency also recommended creating a dummy Google account, using a fake name not associated with your other online activities, like "Professor Oak." Trainer names should likewise avoid using real names or biographical information, such as birthdays.

CSE also noted that camera data could be used to deduce location — if you caught a Pokémon in front of a street sign or recognizable landmark, for instance. The agency pointed out, perhaps with a little disappointment, that there were no Poke-stops or gyms at its new multibillion-dollar headquarters in Ottawa. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IMMIGRATION

Trump exodus could work to attract talent to Canada



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Could the much-talked-about Trump exodus have Americans requesting northern transfers en masse and help Canada attract talent? The answer is a maybe — it depends if their interest is just nervous curiosity or a real desire to relocate.

Andreas Schotter, a researcher at Western University who stud-

ies labour mobility, said right now there is certainly a lot of talk about American immigrants influencing Canada's job market.

"It's not as easy as many people think," said Schotter. "I don't see this easy transition where we'll open the flood gates and all these Americans will come over."

Schotter said immigration laws in Canada are strict — companies need to demonstrate that they can't fill the position with a Canadian. Successful people

coming from the United States will also face a reality of higher taxes, a weak loonie and a different culture.

In his view, the election results might actually be an opportunity.

"I wish in Canada we would take more advantage of this. At the end of the day, the global employment world is changing. Highly qualified people will always be more mobile. If you make it difficult for them to migrate, you have a problem," he said.

TORONTO

Two injured after plane nearly hits flying object

A drone? A weather balloon? A piece of garbage swept up by the wind?

The pilots of a Porter Airlines flight inbound to Toronto on Monday morning were forced to put their plane into a sudden dive to avoid a midair collision with an unidentified object high over Lake Ontario, causing minor injuries to two flight attendants.

Now investigators with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada admit they have a puzzle on their hands to de-

termine exactly what the pilots had to avoid.

"Nobody knows at this point. It happened so quick," said Peter Rowntree, senior regional investigator with the safety board.

"We've got our work cut out trying to figure out what this unidentified flying object was. What did they encounter?" Rowntree said in an interview.

"It definitely wasn't a bird. It was a fairly large object," he said, describing it as up to three metres wide. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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When Putin calls, Trump answers

U.S. POLITICS

Russian leader, president-elect talk terrorism, stronger ties

Russian President Vladimir Putin and President-elect Donald Trump spoke over the phone Monday to discuss future efforts to improve the U.S.-Russian ties, the Kremlin and Trump's office said.

"President-elect Trump noted to President Putin that he is very much looking forward to having a strong and enduring relationship with Russia and the people of Russia," Trump's office said in a statement.

The Kremlin said that Putin congratulated Trump on his victory and expressed Russia's readiness to "establish a partner-like dialogue with the new administration on the basis of equality, mutual respect and



Vladimir Putin called Donald Trump on Monday to "offer his congratulations." LEFT: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; RIGHT: AFP/GETTY IMAGES

non-interference in domestic relations."

Trump's office said that Putin called him to "offer his congratulations on winning a historic election."

"During the call, the two leaders discussed a range of issues including the threats and challenges facing the United States and Russia, strategic economic

issues and the historical U.S.-Russia relationship that dates back over 200 years," it said.

In its readout of the phone call, the Kremlin added that both Putin and Trump agreed that the U.S.-Russian ties are in "extremely unsatisfactory" condition now.

"They spoke for active joint work to normalize ties and en-

gage in constructive co-operation on a broad range of issues," it said, adding that Putin and Trump emphasized the need to develop trade and economic co-operation to give a strong basis to U.S.-Russia relations.

Putin and Trump also agreed on the need to combine efforts in the fight against their No. 1 enemy — "international terrorism and extremism" — and discussed the settlement of the Syrian crisis in that context, according to the Kremlin.

Trump said during the presidential campaign that he wants to be friends with Russia and join forces in the fight against the Islamic State group, yet he outlined few specifics as to how he would go about it. President Barack Obama began his presidency with a goal to "reset" ties with Russia, but they eventually plunged to the lowest point since the Cold War over the conflicts in Ukraine and Syria.

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NEW ZEALAND SCARED COWS Three cows stand stranded near Kaikoura, New Zealand, on an island of grass in a paddock that was ripped apart after an earthquake Monday that triggered landslides and a small tsunami. New Zealand planned to send in military helicopters and a navy ship to rescue about 1,000 tourists and hundreds of residents who were stranded in the coastal town of Kaikoura after train and vehicle access was cut off. NEWSHUB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ITALY

McDonald's made a Nutella burger, because of course they did



There's no meat in the Sweetie con Nutella. MCDONALD'S ITALIA

McDonald's Italy has added a new item to its menu: the Nutella burger.

The announcement of the "Sweetie con Nutella" on the restaurant's Italian Facebook page late last week caused an online frenzy.

Before panic could set in, it became clear that the "burger"

is, in fact, meatless.

It consists of only a bun filled with Nutella.

By midday Monday, the Facebook post had been shared more than 90,000 times and received more than 73,000 comments.

The burger will cost two euros and be served at all 540 McDonald's and McCafés in Italy,

according to a press release.

"Sweetie is the sweetest burger ever sold at McDonald's," read the press release.

Social media users from across the world rejoiced over the fast food chain's newest menu addition. But many were disappointed it's not yet offered outside of Italy. But others were not so

pleased with the new burger.

The Nutella burger is not the first specialty item McDonald's has offered over the years. To name only a few, in the past they have also made McRice Burgers in the Philippines, Mclobsters in Canada, McFalafels in Israel, and, in Japan, Squid Ink Burgers.

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WHISTLEBLOWER

Manning applies for commuted sentence

Chelsea Manning, who is more than six years into a 35-year sentence for leaking classified government and military documents to WikiLeaks, is asking U.S. President Barack Obama to commute her sentence to time served.

In a commutation application released by her attorneys, the transgender soldier said there was no historical precedent for such an extreme sentence for the leak of secret documents.

Manning was arrested in 2010 and convicted in 2013 in military court of six Espionage Act violations and 14 other offences for leaking more than 700,000 secret military and State Department documents, plus some battlefield video to

WikiLeaks. At that point she was known as Bradley Manning.

She is in custody at the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Manning, who was an intelligence analyst in Iraq, acknowledged leaking the documents but said it was intended to raise public awareness about the impact of war on innocent civilians.

She later filed a transgender prisoner rights lawsuit and has tried to commit suicide multiple times citing her treatment behind bars.

"I am living through a cycle of anxiety, anger, hopelessness, loss and depression," she wrote in her application, dated Nov. 8. "I cannot focus. I cannot sleep."

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+ IN BRIEF

Assange questioned about Sweden sex assault

Prosecutors were finally able to question WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange Monday about a possible sex crime in Sweden six years ago.

They did not comment on the closed-door proceedings at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London where Assange has lived for more than four years to avoid extradition to Sweden and possibly to the United States.

The long-delayed interview is expected to continue Tuesday and possibly extend beyond that. Assange's version of events, and a possible DNA sample, will shape Swedish prosecutors' decision on whether to charge him.

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REFLECTION

Never far from Fidel

When Metro graphics editor **Andres Plana** found a picture of his grandmother cheering Fidel Castro in a 1959 issue of Life, he uncovered a part of his family's history and gained new perspective on the world and the power of photography. As Justin Trudeau embarks on a historic trip to Havana, Andres reflects on the regime that altered the course his life.



Andres Plana
Metro | Toronto

Recently, I was in a WhatsApp group chat with members of my rather large extended family. Hailing from Latin America, we've dispersed around the world looking for better lives. Some have gone as far as China and Dubai. We maintain this chat as the best way to stay in touch.

On this particular day, out of nowhere, my brother posted an image with Fidel Castro shaking hands with a crowd in Havana. Not knowing what it meant, I disregarded it until my girlfriend told me my grandmother and aunt could be seen in the crowd.

Shaken, I immediately called my grandmother, Maria Amparo Cabrera de Plana (everyone calls her "Chiche"), in Miami. "Oh yeah, the photo with Fidel," she said, as matter-of-factly as could be. She sounded almost purposefully unimpressed.

I was suddenly obsessed with finding a physical copy of the photo, which my family told me had been published in Life Magazine. I searched public libraries, I contacted the archives at Time Inc. and I scoured Amazon and eBay, where eventually I found two copies of the Jan. 19, 1959, edition, dedicated to the man whose charisma helped drive the Cuban revolution to victory.

I had the magazine, but it still wasn't enough. My grandmother had been present — physically present — at a moment that changed the world. I had to talk to her in person.

I bought a ticket to Miami and soon found myself blasted by AC while sit-



A scan of the original Life magazine spread documenting Castro's parade in Havana

Chiche Cabrera's face among the jubilation

ting in my aunt's dining room. My father, my sister and I wide-eyed and rapt, my beautiful grandmother dressed up because she knew she was getting her photo taken — all of us flipping through that issue of Life, page by page, travelling back in time.

It was 1959. The revolution led by Fidel Castro, his brother Raul and Ernesto "Che" Guevara had just taken down the dictator, Batista. It was a time of celebration. Castro didn't have to hide during those early parades, my grandmother said. (A curious remark, it seemed to me.) "He had his route planned," she told me, in Spanish. "He wanted there to be lots of people on the streets with him."

The euphoria of that day didn't last, of course. The imprisonments, the executions, the fear — they came quickly.

Within six months, my grandparents, along with my dad and his two siblings, had fled to Mexico. Ten years later, they moved to Venezuela — where I was

born — to follow the oil industry. Cut to 1998: Venezuela elects Hugo Chavez, who cultivates a close alliance with Cuba. Once again, the story of my family became entangled with Castro.

Over time the situation in Venezuela deteriorated. Eventually we decided, again, that we needed to leave. This is how I came to Canada.

Today, Justin Trudeau travels to Cuba, and for a third time the public legacy of the old revolutionary-

turned-dictator intersects with my family. I hope this time it's for the best.

I don't want to hate Fidel Castro. After all, in a weird way, he made me what I am.

Still, I know that I'll always have someone to blame for the sadness I feel when I wave goodbye to my family at the airport, hoping to see them again soon.



Chiche Cabrera, the author's grandmother, looks at the Life magazine spread in Miami earlier this year. ANDRES PLANA/METRO

Extreme-averse Albertans need to make centrism great again



Darren Krause
Metro | Calgary

It's lonely in the middle right now. Or just quiet.

Only for the time being, I hope.

It's time to muzzle talks to unite the right and to stifle the agenda-driven politics of the far left.

Alberta, it's seriously time we coalesced at the centre.

Us middle-ers are generally a group of modest, hard-working Albertans who believe in social progress and appropriate fiscal management. At the same time. One need not trump the other. (Pun intended.)

I believe the vast majority of Albertans fit in the centre. Some lean left of centre, some to the right — but you can draw a fairly tight circle around us on the political spectrum.

That's why I found it so disturbing last week that one of the candidates for the PC leadership, Donna Kennedy-Glans, said she was withdrawing from the campaign.

"Right now, politics in Alberta is polarizing and there is limited opportunity for centrist voices to be heard," read a statement Nov. 8 from the Kennedy-Glans camp, upon her ceasing campaign operations.

No room for us middle-folk. Well, isn't that heartening?

Others are, in fact, seeing that centrists need a place to talk.

The fledgling Alberta Party is holding a weekend retreat Nov. 18-20 in Calgary, invit-

ing all centrists to come together.

No one wants the polarizing Alberta politics we've endured over the past 18 months to continue. We've already seen what it does to the politically charged, with the Sandra Jansen bullying debacle ultimately forcing her withdrawal from the PC leadership race.

The aftermath of the Clinton-Trump U.S. presidential election demonstrates how quickly this could devolve into nothing more than a gutter war, laying waste to common Albertans, merely the collateral damage in an ever-clashing, extremist theatre of political combat.

That means most of us will suffer in one form or another.

Politics has dangerously become a game for the fringes, one in which only those with the loudest, angriest, most condescending voices can play. And those who openly defy the fringes — be it on the left or right, federal, provincial or municipal — are swarmed by each side's rabid minions (often on social media) and bullied into submission, or, worse yet, silence.

That's why it's time for majority of Albertans to step up and refuse to let the fringes dictate the province we're going to have. They can be part of the conversation, but they shouldn't own it.

And if, as Donna Kennedy-Glans said, there appears to be no room for a centre voice in this province's politics, one that represents the vast majority of Albertans, then it's high time we make some.

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Judge orders Brendan Dassey, one of the subjects featured on Netflix's *Making a Murderer* documentary, released from prison.

DON'T GO VIRAL YOUR GUIDE TO 21ST CENTURY STIS

Many of us think sexually transmitted infections only happen to other people. But outbreaks are popping up around the country, and infection rates, even of practically forgotten diseases like syphilis, are increasing in nearly every age group. Right now no one is quite sure why. It might have to do with unprotected oral sex, or increasing IV drug use. Even hookup apps like Tinder and Grindr have taken some of the blame (though no studies have yet shown they're any more likely to result in STIs than meeting people the old fashioned way). We all know using condoms and getting tested regularly are the best defence, but **here's what else you need to know.**

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CHLAMYDIA

What is it? A bacterial STI that can cause itching, discharge and burning during urination in both sexes. Women sometimes have bleeding between periods or after sex, but often have no symptoms at all. In the long term, it can cause pelvic inflammatory disease in women and infertility in both sexes. It may infect the eyes, mouth and rectum as well.

What's new?

Chlamydia has been rising in Canada since the 1990s. It increased by 72 per cent from 2001 to 2010 alone.

GONORRHEA

What is it? A bacterial STI with very similar symptoms and long-term consequences as chlamydia, though it's much less common. Only a lab test can tell for sure. Unlike chlamydia, gonorrhea can, rarely, cause a serious disease with high fever and swollen joints.

What's new? Gonorrhea increased by 40 per cent from 2003 to 2012. Some cities, like Toronto, have seen a jump since 2015.

What can be done? Condoms and testing are the best defences against chlamydia and gonorrhea. Treatment is antibiotics. For gonorrhea, which is resistant to all but a few, you might need several different drugs.

HIV

What is it? Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is a blood-borne virus that attacks the immune system, leaving you vulnerable to infections. You can get it through sex (anal, vaginal or oral), or blood, such as by sharing needles, or (historically) receiving a blood transfusion. It can also pass from mother to child. Drugs called antiretrovirals can prevent HIV from developing into life-threatening Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

What's new? There's good news and bad news. Thanks to modern medicine, HIV-positive people are living long, healthy lives with little to no chance of infecting others. On the other hand, there have recently been new outbreaks of HIV reported in places like Saskatchewan, the B.C. interior and London, Ont.

What can you do?

Use condoms and (obviously) don't share needles. People at high risk can also consider pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a daily pill that can prevent HIV from taking hold in the body even if you're exposed.

SYPHILIS

What is it? Syphilis is a bacterial infection that can progress into a devastating disease if left untreated. It's spread by sex as well as from mother to child. In adults, syphilis usually starts with a firm, painless, often-overlooked sore called a chancre on the genitals. Second-stage symptoms are fever, malaise, headache and a spotty red rash. The infection can then hibernate in the body for up to 15 years before reappearing in any number of nightmarish forms: As a progressive, severe neurological and psychiatric condition, as heart disease, or as large, tumour-like lumps all over the body.

What's new? Toronto has seen a scary spike in syphilis over the past year, mostly in gay men. Public health officials think unprotected oral sex may be to blame.

What can you do?

Use condoms! Thanks to antibiotics, syphilis is now curable. It has a nasty habit of showing up in people who have HIV, and it's one reason it's important to have safe sex even if you're HIV positive and only have sex with other HIV-positive people. That's true for many STIs: One type often leads to another, because sores or irritated skin give germs an easier path into the body.

HPV

What is it? Human Papilloma Viruses (HPV) are sexually transmitted viruses that cause genital warts and can lead to heck, neck, mouth, throat, cervical and penile cancers.

What's new? There's been a steep rise in mouth and throat cancers in Canadian men (56 per cent between 1992 and 2012). Smoking and drinking are definitely culprits. But emerging research shows HPV is a much more important risk factor than previously thought.

What can you do?

HPV is crazy common, and because it infects many parts of the body, condoms only provide partial protection. For women, getting a pap test every three years (or more often if you're high risk) can catch HPV-related changes early, when they're more treatable. Vaccinations are available for boys, girls and adults (coverage varies by province) against the nastiest strains of HPV. They've been shown to dramatically reduce cervical cancers caused by the virus.

HERPES

What is it? Genital herpes is a common infection caused by the same virus as cold sores. In some people, it appears as an outbreak of blisters around the genitals, rectum or mouth. They burst and leave painful sores that take weeks to heal. Others have few or no symptoms. Herpes is lifelong, but outbreaks usually become less severe and frequent as years pass. You can pass herpes on whether or not you're having symptoms.

What's new?

Several therapeutic vaccines (for people who already have herpes) are in the works. A 12-month clinical trial published last month found a 65 per cent reduction in outbreaks among people who had the vaccine. And there's hope for a preventative vaccine in the future.

What can be done?

Condoms lower the risk of passing on herpes, but don't eliminate it. Antiviral medications can help clear up an outbreak and reduce your chance of infecting someone else.

WHAT TO SAY?

Asking a new partner about STIs, or telling them you have one, is just the worst. But it has to be done, says Jenelle Marie Pierce, founder of The STD Project.

On her site she cautions against the question "Are you clean?" because absolutely anybody who has sex can get an STI. Having the bad luck to contract one doesn't make you dirty.

Deciding how and when to tell a partner you have an STI is even trickier: It's not the most important thing about you, so disclosing on a first date seems like a bit much. But if you wait until you've gotten close, the news can come as a shock.

Pierce has only one rule about when to disclose:

You have to have the conversation before you have sex — any kind of sex.

Other than that, it's up to you. Her advice:

- Talk in person, and in private. No texts!
- Be honest and positive about yourself and your STI.
- Share the facts in a no-nonsense way and answer questions.
- Then leave, and give them some time to digest the facts on their own.
- Lastly, (this is easier said than done) do your best not to take their reaction personally.

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ACTIVATED CHARCOAL THE REALITY

• Charcoal is porous, so it absorbs whatever is around it — good, bad, or otherwise, says Julia Carroll of Compass Dermatology. “So when you transition it into the beauty world, it can absorb oils, dirt, and water as well,” she says.

• If you're drinking a charcoal-infused juice, it could be extracting all the healthy nutrients from the drink, adds Clare Wiseman, who is with Dalla Lana School of Public Health.



Lauren Pelley, pictured, didn't see or feel any difference in her skin after using an activated charcoal face mask. Experts she talked to on the subject also debunked some claims the beauty industry has made about the benefits of charcoal. CONTRIBUTED/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

COSMETICS

Experts say it isn't helping our teeth, skin and hangovers

Lauren Pelley
Torstar News Service

According to bloggers and women's magazines, the beauty benefits of activated charcoal are numerous. You can use charcoal face masks to unplug your pores, charcoal toothpaste to whiten your smile, and drink charcoal-infused juices to “detox” your gut.

Last year Allure called activated charcoal “the beauty ingredient of the moment. And on Gwyneth Paltrow's blog Goop, a Hollywood juicery's charcoal lemonade made her best juice cleanses round-up. It is called “delicious, despite the suspiciousness of drinking montmorillonite clay and activated charcoal.” You'll also find the black stuff in everything from face creams to ingestible capsules. But does it live up to all the hype?

After testing out a charcoal face mask for myself — a \$35 offering from Clinique that made my skin feel temporarily extra tight and oil-free — I went to the experts.

Clare Wiseman, an assistant professor with both the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and with the University of Toronto's School of the Environment, explains activated charcoal is created by burning material — ranging from petroleum-based products to coal, wood, or coconut shells — to create a char that is treated through high heat and an activating agent, enabling it to absorb more contaminants.

It's used in air filtration systems and given to patients during accidental poisonings. That second usage in emergency rooms is where a lot of the “lore” comes from with charcoal, says Dr. Julia Carroll, founder and director of Toronto-based Compass Dermatology and a lecturer at the University of Toronto.

“It's porous, so it absorbs whatever is around it — good, bad, or otherwise — so when you transition it into the beauty world, it can absorb oils, dirt, and water as well,” Carroll says. Charcoal is safe when used topically, but could irritate sensitive skin, she adds.

What about using it internally? Charcoal-infused drinks and pills are trendy, but Carroll questions their efficacy.

“People say it helps hangovers and toxins, but there's no evidence for that,” she says. And charcoal's spongelike quality also means good nutrients could be absorbed alongside

the stuff people want to get rid of. “It doesn't discern between good and bad,” Carroll explains.

In other words, if you're drinking a charcoal-infused juice, the charcoal could be extracting all the healthy nutrients from the drink. “It potentially defeats the purpose,” says Wiseman. “It could potentially absorb all the good stuff as well, and your body would be wasting those nutrients.”

Another popular charcoal usage — teeth whitening — also raised eyebrows among the experts.

Despite claims that charcoal can bind to plaque, there's no evidence it really works, says Wiseman.

“I can't see any advantage of using (activated charcoal) as a toothpaste substitute,” says Toronto dentist Dr. Jeff Shnall. Regular toothpaste is quite effective at stain removal, and gentler on dental work than abrasive activated charcoal powder, he adds.

While charcoal can scrub superficial stains off teeth, Shnall says the grains could find their way into the crevices and teeth and dental work, which could be tricky to remove. At best, he says, the charcoal would only remove surface stains, limiting its whitening ability because it doesn't penetrate teeth like professional whitening products. From a price perspective, charcoal-

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Dr. Julia Carroll, founder and director of Compass Dermatology and a lecturer at the University of Toronto.

based products are often on par with other beauty buys. (There are various charcoal toothpastes and face scrubs online for less than \$10, for instance.)

But with a lack of evidence supporting its use, charcoal doesn't live up to the beauty blogger buzz — but if brushing your teeth with it or lathering on a black face mask is your jam, it probably won't hurt you, either.

“It's not something that's in my regular routine to recommend,” Carroll says. “If someone's using a charcoal-based product and they're happy with it, I won't stop them.”

In my case, using a charcoal face mask on my always-sensitive skin didn't seem to have any long-lasting effects. My T-zone was oily within a few hours, my pores didn't seem to shrink, and I actually spotted a couple new breakouts. Sigh.

I'll stick to my drugstore soap.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

A detail-rich drama

THE SHOW: *The Crown*, S1, E2 (Netflix)

THE MOMENT: The King's Death

Despite his failing health, King George (Jared Harris) had a lovely day at Sandringham, his country estate. He hunted, sang a duet with his younger daughter Margaret (Vanessa Kirby), and watched on television as his elder daughter, Elizabeth (Claire Foy), arrived in Nairobi on her Commonwealth tour.

The next morning, George's valet and three footmen arrive to wake him. "7:30, sir," the valet says — then stops cold. Gently, he feels the King's wrist. He lays the hand on George's chest. Briefly, he rests his forehead on it.

The next five minutes is pretty much just shots of normally reserved English people, running. The valet runs down the stairs. George's wife (Victoria Hamilton) runs into his room. Margaret, coming into the hall, watches servants run by, and knows what happened.

A black car pulls up to 10 Downing Street; three people walk in very briskly. Churchill (John Lithgow) hangs his bulldog head.



Claire Foy's note-perfect accent in the Netflix series *The Crown* is sure to draw you in. CONTRIBUTED

"Call the foreign secretary," he says. "Tell him 'Hyde Park Corner.' He'll understand."

If hearing Foy's note-perfect accent — her Elizabeth pronounces her new husband's name "Phil-yip" — doesn't immediately convince you that you're in excellent hands with this series, then this bloody good sequence will.

Writer/creator Peter Morgan knows his way around a throne; he's previously written *Henry VIII*, *The Last King of Scotland*.

The Other Boleyn Girl and *The Queen*. Producer/director Stephen Daldry (*The Hours*) is his perfect partner.

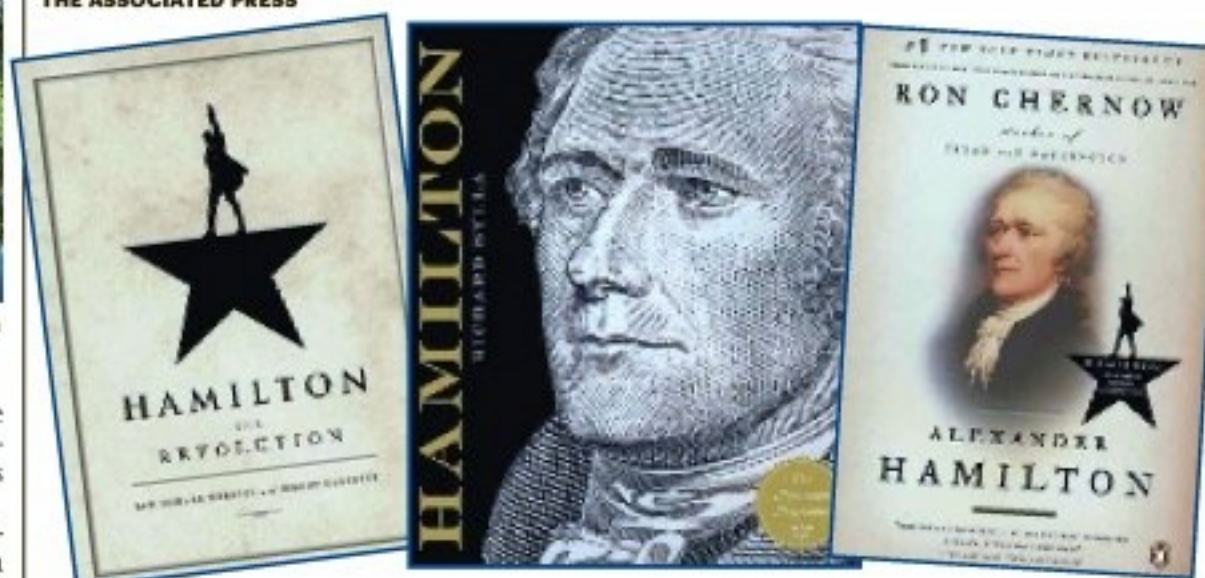
Together they whip up detail-rich, inside-the-palace drama that feels so convincing, you'll swear it was transcribed directly from the valet's diary. Delicious.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

PERFECT GIFTS FOR THAT HAMILTON-LOVING FAN

Hamilton obsessives have had a long time to, well, obsess, but their favourite musical is spreading its wings to other locales and new, gift-worthy goodies continue to surface.

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Read up on the history

Alexander Hamilton, by Ron Chernow. The bestseller that started it all has been out since 2005, but at 832 pages it may feel daunting to theatre lovers who are not necessarily historical biography book lovers. Presenting it as a gift may be just the needed hurdle jump. Too wonky? Then gift **Hamilton: The Revolution** instead. It's the Tony-winning musical's libretto with footnotes, photos and interviews, by the man himself, Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Jeremy McCarter. Or **Alexander Hamilton: The Illustrated Biography, by Richard Sylla.** Because, beautiful illustrations.



Fan fare for the family

Oh so many onesies are out there, along with cutie bite-size T-shirts and other little-fan fare with favourite characters, lines and emblems. Look for sippy cups emblazoned with the visage of the man himself in full colour, along with pacifiers. For older kids, take your choice of shirts, mugs, phone cases, notebooks. We could go on. Start 'em early, parents. Search around for just the right one. Plentiful.

Listen up

The Hamilton Mixtape, by Miranda and Questlove, who executive produced the Grammy-winning cast album. Miranda has been teasing the 23-track Mixtape on social media and it will be out in plenty of time for the holidays — on Dec. 2, with pre-orders that started Nov. 4. It's an ode to the hip-hop roots of the show.

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The perils of post-secondary plagiarism

As due dates loom and post-secondary priorities pile up around you, cutting corners may seem the only way to keep afloat academically this semester. But whether it's a notion recalled accidentally from a scholarly text or words deliberately lifted from the web, instances of plagiarism can wreak havoc on a student's academic path.

"Plagiarism, in any context, is using words, ideas, concepts, intellectual or the creative work of other people without giving those people recognition," says Fiona Green, chair of the senate academic standards and misconduct committee at the University of Winnipeg. "And it doesn't matter if one forgot to reference them; it is still



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plagiarism. Intent is not the issue, the act is."

With consequences from a knocked down grade all the way to expulsion, Green recommends avoiding plagiarism at all costs by taking precautionary steps every time a project is completed.

"Have someone else read the paper and have a discussion about it," advises Green as a start. "Can the student explain the ideas and argu-

ments in the paper at the same level as what is written? If not, they are likely those of someone else and need to be referenced."

She adds that students should always make a sweep of the internet, where many fall prey to inadvertent parroting. "Do a search online for groups of words or sentences from the paper," says Green. "If they show up online, they are not original thoughts and need to be referenced."

Catherine Bolton, vice-provost of teaching and learning at Concordia University reminds that the issue of plagiarism can often rear its ugly head before the project has even begun.

"Many of these slips relate to time management," says Bolton. "Rushing at the end so that the student doesn't take the time to do that all important final read through."

"Obviously, one good way to avoid these types of problems is to give yourself enough time to complete the assignment," says Bolton, adding that being overtired can also cause students to miss vital details.

In the process of completing the assignment, Bolton further recommends that students change fonts and font colours for direct quotations and for paraphrases, so that they can see each one easily when they are doing their final edits. And when push comes to shove, a good break from a paper might be the key to avoiding the pitfalls of this all-too-common error.

"Put your work aside for an hour or two and then go back to it," says Bolton. "Mistakes can jump out at you when you read it with a fresh mind."

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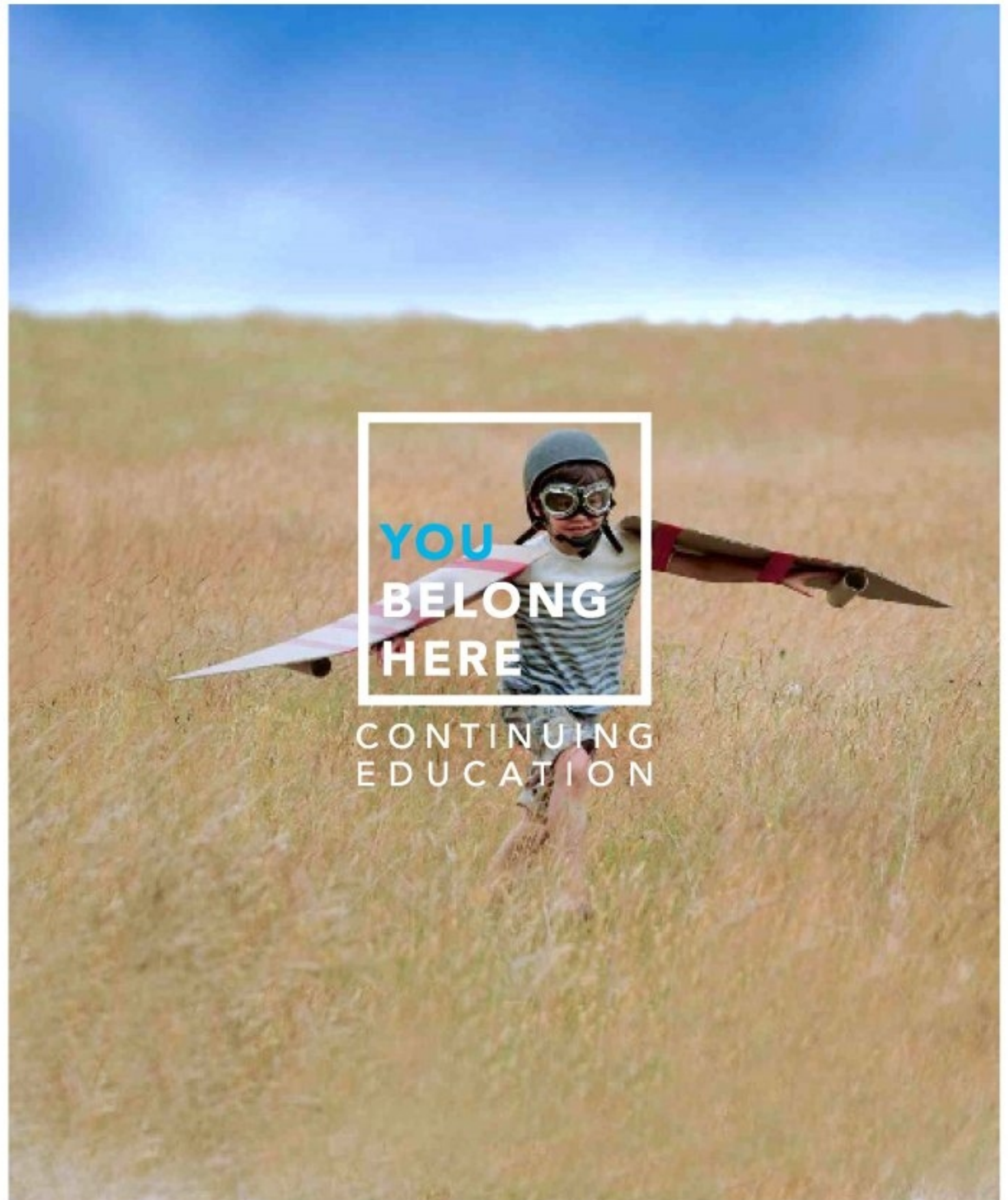
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"I went to school because I wanted to combine my math and carpentry background and show kids career and technology studies (CTS) is a valid stream of education," says Lowry.

Shortly after completing his degree requirements, Lowry accepted his first teaching position at Coalhurst High School teaching math and science.

Drawing on the trades, he uses his own blueprints to teach math students practical, everyday concepts.

For example, an assignment for students to renovate their bedrooms requires calculating square, lineal and cubic footage, as well as



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volumes of paint, flooring and other materials.

"When kids see how something is used every day they're less reluctant to learn it," he says.

Looking back at his time at uLethbridge, Lowry says his PSIII placement helped him the most in preparing to become a teacher.

"In PSIII, I set up and ran my own classroom. I don't think I would be successful in my current placement without the extra experience PSIII gave me," he says.

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"This program has been designed for any hard-working student interested in working with both animals and their owners," says Dr. Jeni Liggett, lead instructor veterinarian, Robertson College, Winnipeg Campus.

This program teaches both receptionists and technician assistants, to work either in the front directly with clients or assisting the technician and/or veterinarian.

The program covers many aspects of animal and nursing care, restraint, nutrition, various medical issues and treatment options, vaccines, surgical preparation, parasitology, pharmacology, office work, communication, and more.

It is focused on dogs and cats, with a small amount of exotics and large animals mixed in.

"Course curriculum is kept updated with new procedures, research findings, current news events and/or concerns relevant to the industry," says Liggett.

"Students are also kept updated with clinics that are looking for either practicum students or employees during their studies or after completion."

Once the classwork is completed, students must complete a four-week practicum to show proficiency in the practical applications of their training.

Once students complete the program, successful graduates may go on to pursue careers as receptionists and technician assistants in a veterinary setting.

"There are always clinics hiring," says Liggett.

Boarding kennels, day cares, rescue workers, grooming facilities or industry jobs (pet foods, drug companies, veterinary supply companies, etc.) are some of the many other options available after completion.

To ensure Robertson College is offering students the most-up-to-date skills and information, two of the veterinary instructors continue to work in clinics to keep up their skills and stay current in industry standards.

"We also have contacts in related industries to keep us informed of other opportunities or changes within the field. In addition, career services has contact with various veterinary clinics to help with practicum placement and job opportunities," says Liggett.

The next start date for this program is Nov. 28.

The classes run for six months (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.), with a one-month practicum at the end.

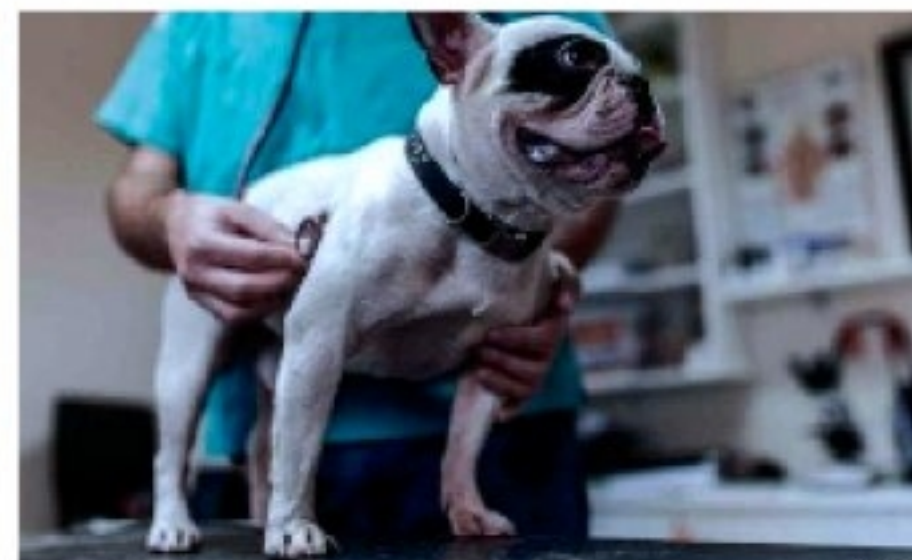
Classes are staggered so that only a few students are eligible for practicum and looking for jobs at one time.

Funding options are available for this program.

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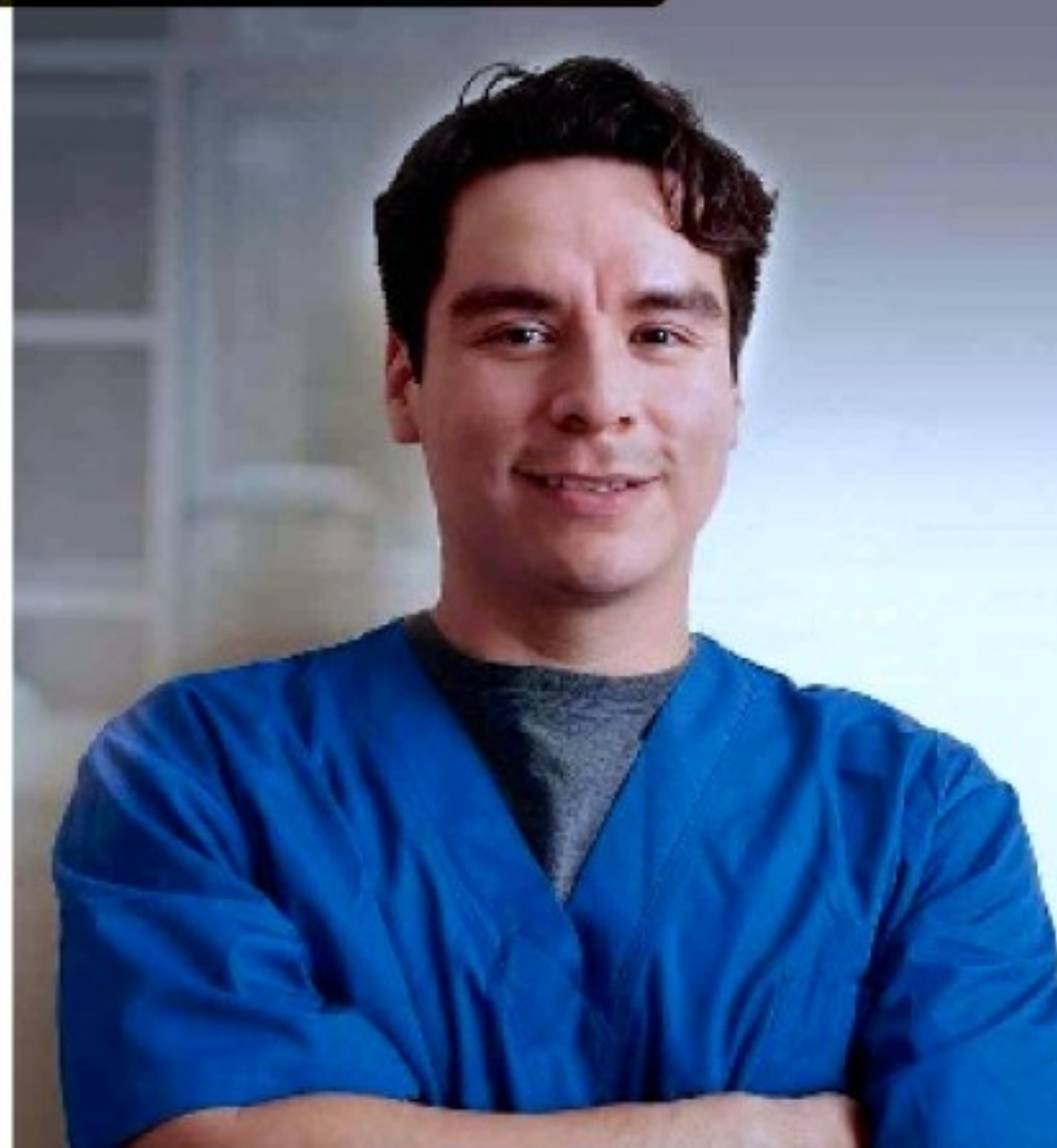
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Program to address youth unemployment

With many millennials lacking work experience, and today's competitive job market, it makes it increasingly more difficult for them to get jobs in the areas that they've studied.

Career focus — a program offered through Columbia College — was created to address youth unemployment rates, specifically focusing on the increasing number of post-secondary graduate students who are underemployed and relying on survival jobs.

"Career Focus is working to help develop young professionals, to ensure a strong future workforce," says Aly Pringle, employment specialist/job coach, employment training, Columbia College.

This program is designed to help individuals aged 15 to 30 secure employment in their long term career goals and/or help post-graduate students gain employment in their studied field.

"Many employers are looking for individuals with a minimum of five years' experience — it can be tough for graduates to 'get their foot in the door'," says Pringle.



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Career focus will work one on one with these individuals to help them secure a meaningful, paid work experience (up to six months) that may translate into full time employment.

Prior to employment, Columbia will work with the participants on their skill gaps (resumé and cover letters, interview skills, job search skills, networking etc.).

"The incentive for employers is that the participants wage will be partially funded, for a defined period of time, helping to lighten financial hardship - the result is a win-win," says Pringle.

Intake for this program is ongoing. For more information, visit columbia.ab.ca.

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Not for the faint of heart, the theatre program at Ambrose University is intended for those live, breathe and sleep theatre and intend on making it their life's work.

"This program is unique in Canada - our instructors are working theatre professionals who bring relevant, hands-on experiences to the classroom and stage," says Val Lieske, associate director of theatre, Ambrose University.

"Through intense training, they help students develop the rigour that is required to create good stories along with the personal fortitude needed to sustain a life in the arts."

This program is a two year commencement into the art and industry of theatre, preparing students to be professional actors, directors and storytellers, as well as providing a strong foundation for a variety of roles in theatre management.

"It is a unique combination of conservatory training and discipleship, challenging students to incorporate personal faith into art," says Lieske.

"From acting, to stage combat, to movement and voice, the diploma in acting aims to create artists of excellent with a foundation of faith."



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Throughout the program, Ambrose's instructors introduce students to the Calgary theatre community through collaboration, production, and internships.

In fact, all of the theatres instructors are currently working in the Calgary theatre community and therefore can better help students prepare for their careers after their training.

The theatre program is a two-year diploma, with the option to take an acting minor or technical theatre minor.

For more information about the theatre program, visit ambrose.edu/arts-science-programs/diploma-acting/faculty.

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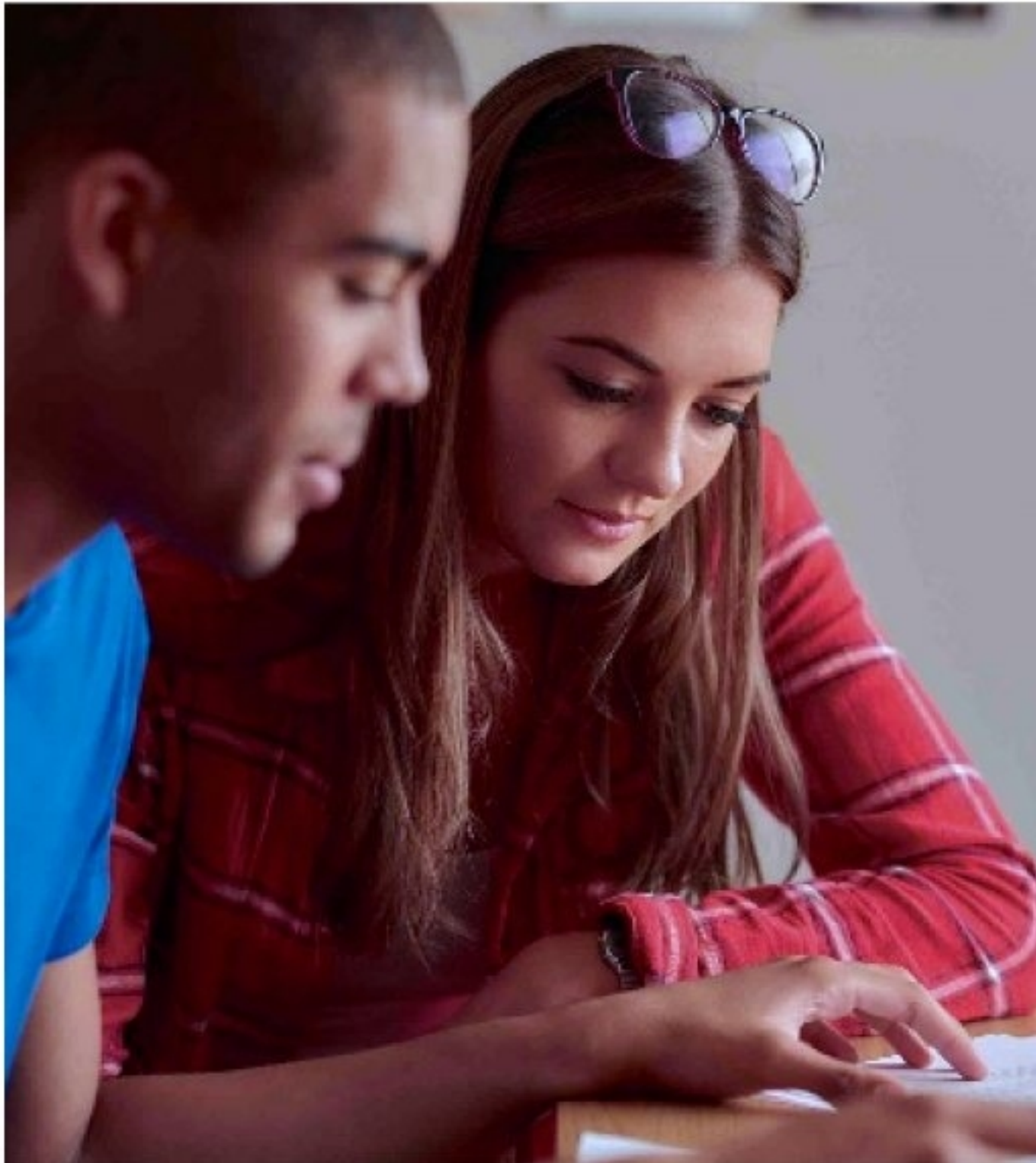
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Why take on the role of tutor?

While in the process of kicking butt in a particular class, your prof has suggested you might just make an excellent coach to those struggling to keep up. But do you have time to be this benevolent? What would be the pay-back for you, a student trying to tackle your own curriculum and commitments?

"I often point out the self-interest aspect of tutoring to motivate students to apply," says Steven Ruhinda, coordinator at Centennial College's counselling centre. "I have recommended students for tutoring gigs mainly to encourage them to gain more mastery in the subject they are excelling in."

Quite often, adds Ruhinda, this mentor-mentee relationship helps to bolster the tutor's confidence in the classroom, as their skills in a certain area are acknowledged.

"Tutors get an opportunity to practice their craft with different learners, which enables them to examine their subject at various vantage points. As a result, they gain more insights and knowledge to their discipline."

Ruhinda adds that being a tutor can be an invaluable tool to help a student plug into the wider college or university community.

"They meet other students and tutoring staff they would not have had a chance to interact with," he says. "In many ways tutoring opens the door to many personal

networks."

Colleen Dalton, associate director of learning skills services at Western University, adds that tutoring can further help a student develop important social traits such as compassion and empathy.

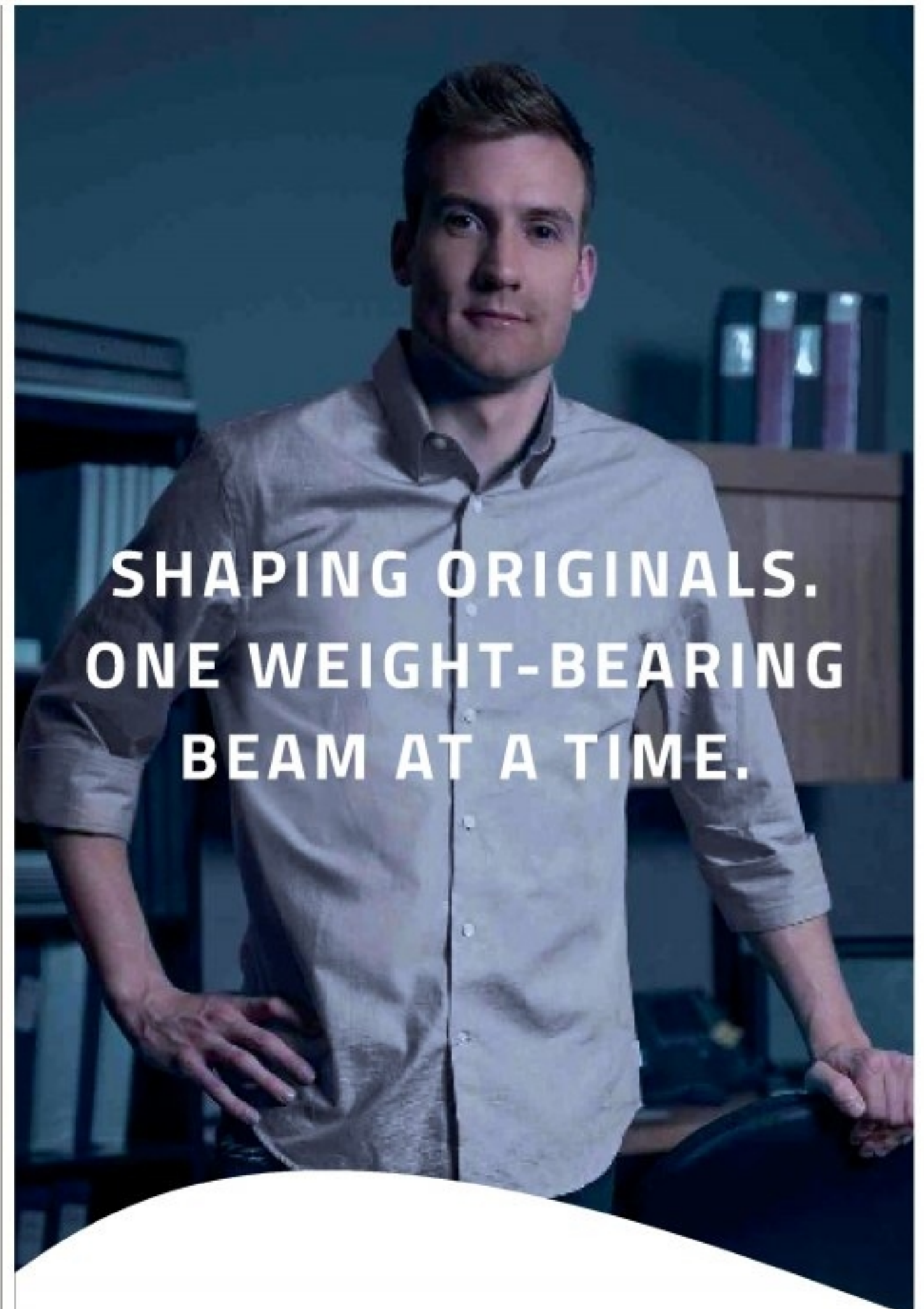
"Sometimes a student who is really high achieving will have a hard time understanding why others might be struggling, until they sit down with a fellow student, one-on-one," Dalton says.

"In the working world, a new employee will encounter so many different kinds of people each with their own strengths and weaknesses," she adds. "Having been a tutor, that student will be prepared for this, and might be quicker to acknowledge the strong points of others."

And when thrust into the rat race post-graduation, Dalton adds that tutoring experience can give way to a plethora of positive skills including time management, the ability to communicate ideas clearly and even the know-how of handling negotiations if the tutoring position is a paid one.

"For me as somebody who does hiring, seeing that people have done something that required them to be self starting, or that they showed initiative... that's important."

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Printing or typing: what's best for studying success

We're told from a young age that the pen is mightier than the sword. But if this inky warrior were to face the modern keyboard in a battle of the brain, which writing tool would prove the most successful ally for the studying student?

"Based on research and studies, printing or handwriting wins the race for studying and information retention," says Jo Krisko, manager of Lakehead University's student success centre. "When you take notes by hand, you write down the important points, which requires you to process the content before writing. The formation of the letters to create words and thoughts proves to be beneficial."

Dr. Hetty Roessingh, professor of English education at the University of Calgary and researcher on the topic of language by hand, agrees.

"When I was a kid in the '80s and the language movement came into play, handwriting was seen as passive, boring, a mechanism for kids," says Roessingh. "With technology and moving into learning and literacies, the importance of printing was marginalized. Just because of a lack of insight as to how important it really is."

Roessingh goes on to explain the different pathways proven to be paved within the brain, when pen is put to paper.

"When you touch a 'd' or a 'b' on your keyboard, it doesn't leave a differentiated imprint, or a piece of memory in the neurocircuitry," says Roessingh, speaking specifically to the act of studying. "Yet if you draw an 'a' or 'b' your whole body is involved in that movement, creating traces in the brain."

Jo Krisko is sure to point out however, that although some research favours hand-writing when it comes to taking notes, there is no wrong or right way of hitting the books.

"It truly is up to the student in terms of what works best for them," says Krisko. "Illegible writing, missing words or incomplete thoughts due to frantically trying to capture every word the professor are of course downsides that come with writing by hand."

Krisko advises that whichever method the student choose to go with when studying, they attempt to engage with the words in ways that go beyond copying down the content.

"If the student is more visual, then using colour, high-lighting, images, symbols along with the text may help to retain the information," says Krisko. "If a student is more tactile in their learning, then they may need to write information out several times, create mini-tests or use objects to supplement their written notes."

Helping people during the most difficult time

With all the years of training Cheri Pearce has in all the variety of areas, they all combined together to make the funeral services education program at Mount Royal University, the next natural career step for her.

As a current hair stylist, make up artist, clinical cosmetologist, paramedical aesthetician, reconstructionist, Pearce understands what it is like to work with people and looks forward to taking on the task of helping people out during one of their most difficult times.

"I have always had a passion for reconstruction and neutralizing in traumas," says Cheri Pearce, business owner and current student of the MRU funeral service program.

"My many years of training in different areas, has guided me to pursue funeral services for what I feel will complete my spectrum of training."

By the end of next year, Pearce will have completed the funeral service dual licence and then plans to continue her education further



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to pursue her last certification, that will be in surgical reconstruction.

When she decided to pursue an education in funeral education, MRU was the obvious choice for her because of the flexible schedule and

course content (mostly delivered online).

"MRU has an incredible reputation for providing current education by industry instructors to prepare you to work in the field," says Pearce.

"The ultimate goal for me is to be able to

continue working in this amazing industry, and to be able to make a difference to the families I work for." For more information about the funeral service education programs at MRU, visit mru.ca/funeral.

TAKING ON COMPLEX SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL CHALLENGES



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Meeting urgent and complex challenges such as climate change, food security, and urbanization requires new knowledge, skills, and approaches.

Social innovation is about finding ways to introduce lasting changes at all levels to increase the resilience of vulnerable people and the planet.

"Social innovators — people we like to refer to as changemakers — come from every sector and discipline, and they may or may not identify with the language of social innovation," says Jill Andres, changemaker in residence, Institute for Community Prosperity, Mount Royal University.

"What they do share is a commitment to

taking on complex social, environmental, and/or cultural challenges to create meaningful change."

At Mount Royal University, they have been working with MacEwan University to develop a social innovation certificate program.

"We started by connecting with people from across sectors who are involved in the social innovation space as entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs, funders, and scholars to ask their advice about what is needed in social innovation education in Alberta," says Andres.

The courses themselves are designed to provide a shared foundation for social innovation and then to dive more deeply into systems

change, social impact, and the social lab space.

"Together, as learners, we will explore social innovation frameworks, resources, and tools to further change initiatives that learners are already involved in or are considering," says Andres.

The course will be offered in a blended delivery model, which means that each course will have in-person and online components.

The courses will be offered synchronously in Calgary and in Edmonton, so the program can connect people from the northern and southern parts of the province and offer opportunities for pan-provincial collaboration. For more information, visit mru.ca/socialinnovation.

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ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS CLIMBING QUICKLY

Being the new kid on the block in any athletic scene takes a bit of an adjustment period.

For St. Mary's University, it took them only three years in the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) to go from the bottom, to one of the top contenders in the province and even nationally.

St. Mary's officially joined the ACAC in 2012 in the sports of men's and women's basketball.

"Often it takes time to build up sports programs due to you being 'new on the scene' and maybe not having that clout that other institutions have built up through their successes over the past 10, 20 years," says Lindsay English, athletics manager, St. Mary's University.

"It was the same sort of struggle for us, especially with the women's basketball program where the first two seasons they managed one win."

In 2014, St. Mary's brought on a new coach Steve Shoults, who took a chance and started from scratch.

Last season, just his second season as head coach, and the second season as a team, the women's team became a nationally ranked team by the Canadian Collegiate

Athletic Association (CCAA), and finished with a silver medal in the ACAC — earning them a spot in the National Championship tournament.

"The experience of playing at a national championship and taking it all in with a team that had really only played together for two years, it was incredible to just see them out playing the top teams in the country," says English.

As of Nov. 8, the women's basketball team is ranked ninth in the country.

Aside from the basketball program, St. Mary's other teams are holding their own in the ACAC — including the cross country team which saw two members of the men's team place 8th and 10th at Nationals.

This recent success has helped to put St. Mary's as a top choice for many athletes when deciding their post-secondary futures.

"I feel we really want you to succeed here in the classroom and being student-athlete here will give you the opportunity to do that, as well as experience being part of a top caliber program in the ACAC," says English.

For more information about St. Mary's athletics program, visit stmu.ca/athletics.



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West Division final pits teacher against the pupil

CFL PLAYOFFS

Dickenson won two Grey Cups under Lions' Buono

Wally Buono and Dave Dickenson have a long history together as coach and player. Dickenson was a quarterback on Buono's teams for nine seasons with the Calgary Stampeders and then the B.C. Lions.

One will block the other's path to this year's Grey Cup when they go head to head coaching in Sunday's West Division final.

Dickenson, in his first year as head coach of the Stampeders, faces a man who has been a head coach in the CFL for 22 seasons. Of the five Grey Cups that Buono has hoisted, Dickenson was in on two of them — one as a Lion in 2006 and the other as a Stampeder in 1998.

Dickenson's Stampeders (15-2-1) and Buono's Lions (12-6) clash Sunday at McMahon Stadium for the right to play in the Grey Cup in Toronto on Nov. 27.

"Wally, he runs a tight

ship and the players know what to expect," Dickenson said Monday. "A lot of the strategy of the game-time stuff is done by his assistant coaches. I'm sure he has input. It's not that different than what I do. I've got a little bit more input on the offence and I think he has more input on the defence."

"Wally loves the game. He's been at it a long time. The game's been good to him. He'll tell you that. I thought he did a great job this year. I know he's given me some recognition in the media and I have to give it back."

The Lions, one of just two teams to beat Calgary this season, topped the Stampeders 20-18 in their season opener June 25. The Stampeders lost their regular-season finale 17-8 to the Montreal Alouettes.

Calgary edged B.C. 44-41 with an overtime field goal July 29 and beat the Lions decisively 37-9 on Aug. 19 in Vancouver.

The Lions are coming off a 32-31 win over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the division semifinal Sunday.

Lions quarterback Jonathan Jennings



Lions receiver Emmanuel Arceneaux is tackled by Stampeders Brandon Smith, left, and Joe Burnett on July 29. The Stamps won the game 44-41 in overtime. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

scored a spectacular rushing touchdown with a minute and a half to play. Bombers kicker Justin Medlock missed a 61-yard field goal attempt to win the game at B.C. Place.

Calgary concluded its regular season with a bye, which puts

three weeks between that loss to the Al's and the division final. While flurries are in the forecast for Calgary this week, Sunday's outlook is mostly sunny with a high of two degrees for the afternoon kickoff.

Dickenson is OK with their extended break after watching the Lions and Bombers hammer away at each other Sunday.

"I think our guys would rather have that rest," Dickenson

said. "To tell you the truth, not playing against such a quality opponent in the West semifinal — either team could have won or lost that game — so I think any team who had the bye is going to take it."

"We know we've got to be ready. Try to get after them early so they don't ride the momentum they just got from winning the game."

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IN BRIEF

Ratings spike for NFL's Sunday night matchup

The first Sunday night after the election produced the highest NFL ratings since Week 2, with an average of 22.51 million viewers tuning in for Seattle's 31-24 victory over New England.

NFL ratings have been on the decline this year. One theory has been the election and programs such as debates stole the attention of would-be football viewers.

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Moyses busts down door to World Rugby Hall of Fame

Heather Moyses, whose achievements include three sports and Olympic gold, takes another remarkable step on her career path this week.

The 38-year-old enters the World Rugby Hall of Fame on Thursday and becomes just the second Canadian player to be so honoured, joining Gareth Rees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL plans meetings regarding 2018 Olympics

The NHL hopes to inch closer to a decision on the 2018 Olympics later this week.

League officials will meet with the International Ice Hockey Federation in New York on Wednesday.

The league hopes to learn if the International Olympic Committee has budged at all with respect to money issues currently clouding the process.

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For Metro Canada

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Serves 4

Ingredients

- 6 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp oil
- 1 minced shallot
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Generously season chicken with salt and pepper.

2. Add oil to a large oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and cook for 10 minutes (the meat will not be cooked through).

3. Transfer the skillet to the oven. Roast until chicken is cooked through, about 6-8 minutes.

4. Transfer chicken pieces to a platter. Return skillet to medium heat and add shallots and garlic; cook for about 1 minute. Whisk in Dijon mustard, apple cider, broth and a bit more salt and pepper; cook for about 3 minutes. Return chicken to skillet along with juices that have settled on the platter to rewarm. Serve with your favourite sides.

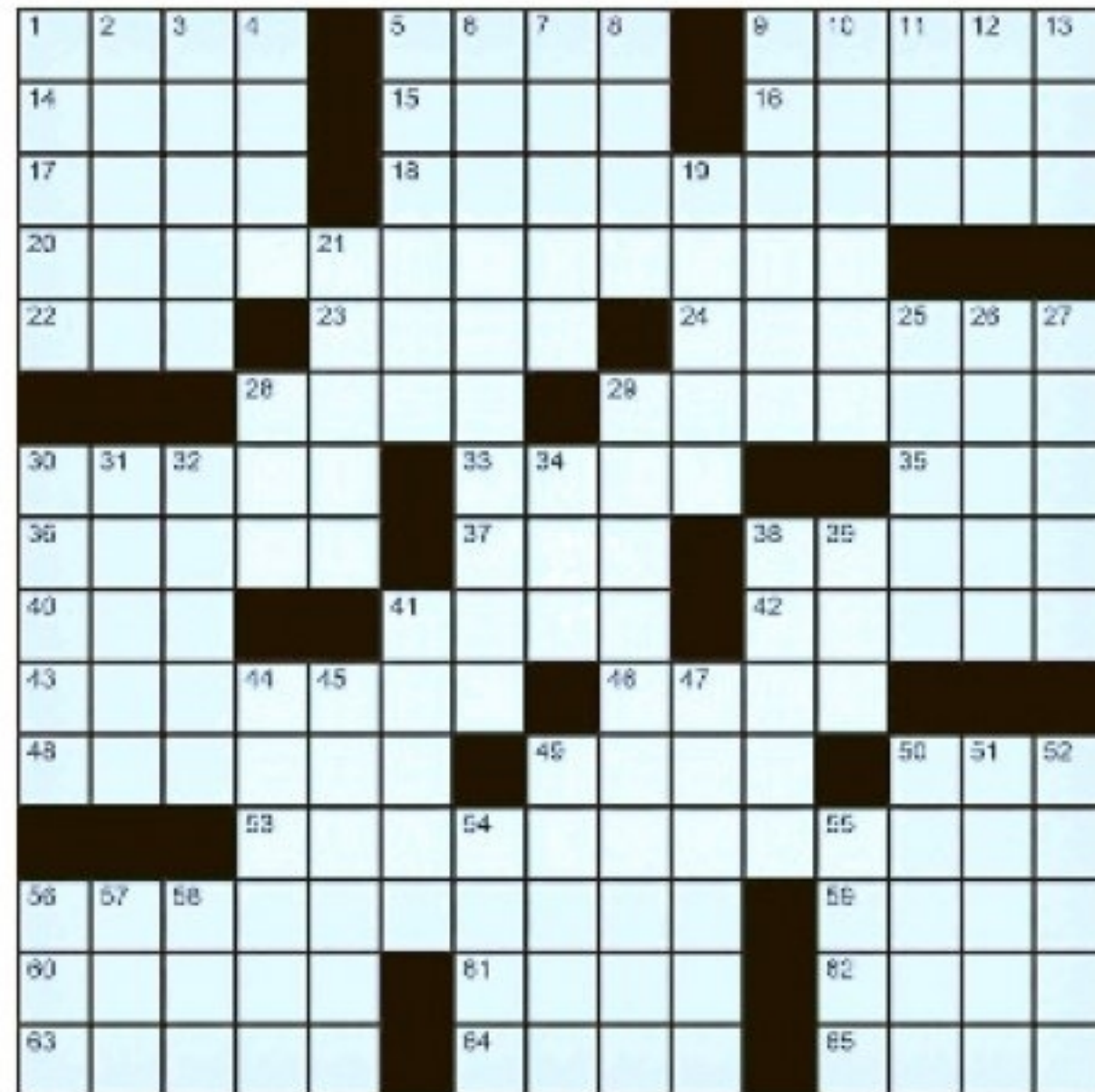
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1. __ decision
5. Best-liked, fun-style
9. " __ Frutti" by Little Richard
14. Parlour scoop holder
15. "That's reeally going to happen.": 2 wds.
16. Workers' group
17. One who must pay
18. Eyewitnesses
20. Toronto-born actor (whose famous actor cousin is Raymond) who starred on the 1990s reboot of TV classic "Lassie" as Dr. Donald Stewart: 2 wds.
22. Certain caustic
23. Eyeglasses parts
24. From Madonna's "La Isla Bonita": "When it's time for __ you can watch them go by..."
28. __ and for all
29. Message transmitters
30. Rigoletto opera composer
33. Diplomacy
35. Putrefaction
36. Give off, as confidence
37. River inlet
38. ATM-user's motion with the card, maybe
40. Total
41. __ pickles
42. Not-leaving prisoner
43. Nutrition related
46. Radiate
48. Overseas
49. Barge __ (In-trude)



50. Even if, briefly
53. Carriage-pulling horses for The Royals of Britain: 2 wds.
56. Leftover flavour
59. Italian harp
60. Scottish estate proprietor
61. Car's fill-up
62. Long journey

63. Old West prop
64. Della Reese's role on "Touched by an Angel"
65. Hall & Oates' __ Smile

DOWN

1. Fiercely frown
2. "Never.": 2 wds.

3. Anoint, olde-style
4. Chipper
5. Material
6. Not balanced, as per patterns or arrangements
7. Travel endorsements
8. Immature newts
9. Listen to the

- radio: 2 wds.
10. Like naturally-hued hair
11. Bond
12. Maple Leafs city, wee-ly
13. Ruler measurements, e.g.
19. Strong point
21. Mr. Coombs of

- "Mr. Dressup"
25. Font flourish
26. Figure of speech
27. Michael-mas daisy
28. Not even, as numbers
29. Do, Re and Mi and more: 2 wds.
30. Roman goddess of the hearth
31. Outlying residential area
32. Hearsay, States-style
34. Feel flu-ish
38. Biblical weapon
39. Drollness
41. Billy Joel hit: "We __ Start the Fire"
44. Strengths
45. The Rachel, in the 1990s, for one
47. Gourmet mushrooms
49. Debated topic
50. The earth
51. Overly active
52. City of canals in Japan
54. Electro music's __ Punk
55. City rodents
56. Completely
57. Air travel overseer [acronym]
58. Poetic contraction

*** IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a great day for study and intellectual discussions. It's also an excellent day to pursue opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Travel for pleasure appeals. Investigate how the wealth and resources of others can help you get what you want.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a positive day for you, because fiery Mars is energizing your ruler, Mercury. Naturally, conversations with partners and close friends will be lively!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will take a hands-on approach to your job today because you are full of bright ideas that you want to implement. It's a good day to talk to co-workers.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You are a creative sign, and today is a creative day for you! Act on your artistic urges. Enjoy playful activities with younger people.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have lots of energy for family discussions and practical projects like home improvements. This is a good day to tackle home repairs and plan how to better secure where you live.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today you are talkative, lively, energetic and interested in everything around you. This is a great day to meet new faces and see new places, because you are up for anything!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Trust your moneymaking ideas today, because you have lots of mental energy to think about earnings and cash flow. You also will be persuasive in financial discussions.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today Mercury is in your sign, dancing with fiery Mars. This makes you intellectually sharp, curious and verbally adroit. You can sell snow to the Eskimos!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a wonderful day for research of any kind, because not only are you mentally keen, you have lots of energy to seek out solutions to old problems and to find hidden answers.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Conversations with friends and groups will be successful today, because you know what you want to say and you won't hesitate to say it. People want to join your team!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day to talk to bosses, parents and VIPs about what you want, because people will listen to you today.

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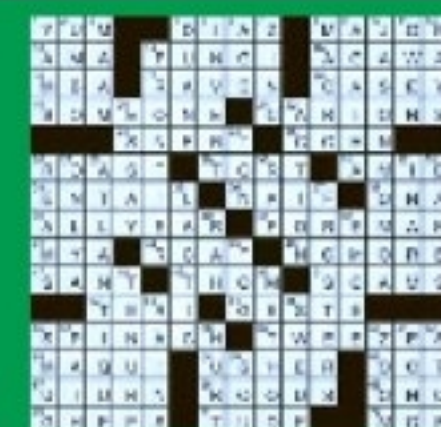
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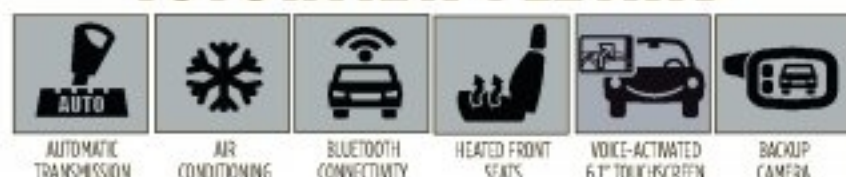
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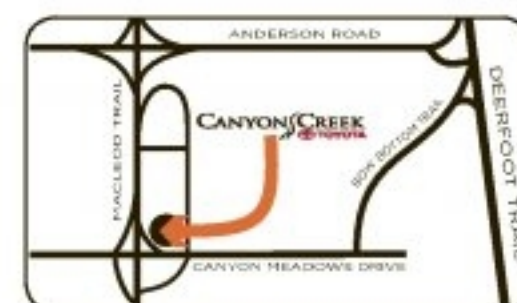
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